

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed August 18, 2008 has been received and carefully noted. Claims 1-40 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration.

Claims 1, 12, 19, 30, and 36 have been amended herein. Support may be found in at least paragraphs 0041-0044 of the Specification. A listing of claims can be found on pages 2-9 of this Response.

Favorable reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and the following comments.

I. Objection to the Specification

The Office Action objected to the Specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. The Examiner states that “the term ‘electronically accessible medium’ in claim 36 is not defined by the applicant’s specification” (*See* Office Action mailed August 18, 2008, pg. 2). Claim 36 has been amended to recite a “computer accessible medium” as supported by paragraph 0057 of the Specification. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-4, 10-15, 18-22, 25, 28-33, and 36-38 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-4, 10-15, 18-22, 25, 28-33, and 36-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sharma *et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0204645) (“Sharma”). It is requested that these rejections be withdrawn for at least the following reason. Sharma does not describe each and every element of the claims.

For a prior art reference to anticipate, 35 U.S.C. §102 requires that “each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference.”

In re Robertson, 169 F.3d 743, 745, 49 USPQ2d 1949, 1950 (Fed. Cir. 1999) (*quoting Verdegaal Bros., Inc. v. Union Oil Co.*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987)). In particular, amended independent claim 1 recites:

accessing **a first logical port** defining a first configuration of a service endpoint interface;
selecting an item of configuration information **in the accessed first logical port, the configuration information to set one or more of an HTTP proxy, user authentication information, and protocol configuration**; and
providing a value for the selected item of configuration information to define, at least in part, the first configuration of the service endpoint interface.

(emphasis added). Amended independent claims 12, 19, 30, and 36 recite analogous aspects regarding a “first logical port” and its relationship with “configuration information.” The Examiner contends that the “logical service reference” mentioned in paragraph 0118 of Sharma equates to the “first logical port” of the claims (*See* Office Action mailed August 18, 2008, pg. 3). The Applicants respectfully disagree with this contention.

Sharma’s logical service reference does not disclose the first logical port of the claims. Paragraph 0118 of Sharma describes a deployer of a client (*See* Sharma, Figure 1, elements 130 and 137). This deployer “may link the logical service reference to the imported WSDL-based description of the service included in the WSDL document” (*See Id.* at paragraph 0118). In another aspect of the deployer, Sharma adds that the “[d]eployer 137 may also provide and configure information for the service instance and service endpoint proxies” and further describes examples of configuration information (*See Id.*). However, paragraph 0118 states that the configuration information **is provided by the deployer**. Therefore, Sharma does not teach the configuration information **being defined by and accessed from a first logical port** or logical service reference (as the Examiner equates the claims’ first logical port with Sharma’s logical service reference). While the discussion of the logical service reference and the configuration information fall in the same paragraph of the cited reference, Sharma does not provide a relationship between these two elements. Sharma does not establish any relevancy or application of the logical service reference with respect to defining and accessing **configuration information**, much less the configuration information being accessed from the logical service reference and used to set one or more of an HTTP proxy, user authentication information, and protocol configuration. Therefore, Sharma fails to disclose the recited aspects of “accessing a first logical port defining a first configuration of a service endpoint interface” and “selecting an item of configuration information in the accessed first logical port, the configuration information

to set one or more of an HTTP proxy, user authentication information, and protocol configuration.”

Each of claims 2-4, 10, 11, 13-15, 18, 20-22, 25, 28, 29, 31-33, 37, and 38 depends from one of independent claims 1, 12, 19, 30, and 36 and thus incorporates the respective limitations thereof. For at least the aforementioned reasons regarding the independent claims, Sharma does not describe each and every element of these dependent claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that these rejections be withdrawn.

III. Rejection of Claims 5, 6, 16, 23, 24, 34, and 40 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 5, 6, 16, 23, 24, 34, and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Sharma, in view of Omoigui (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0126136). Each of claims 5, 6, 16, 23, 24, 34, and 40 depends from one of independent claims 1, 12, 19, 30, and 36 and thus incorporates the respective limitations thereof. The Examiner does not indicate and the Applicants do not discern any part of Omoigui that cures the aforementioned deficiencies of Sharma regarding the independent claims. Thus, the cited references, combined, do not teach or suggest all the limitations of these dependent claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

IV. Rejection of Claims 7, 17, 35, and 39 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 7, 17, 35, and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Sharma, in view of Beringer *et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0172555) (“Beringer”). Claims 7, 17, 35, and 39 depend from independent claims 1, 12, 30, and 36, respectively, and thus incorporate the limitations thereof. The Examiner does not indicate and the Applicants do not discern any part of Beringer that cures the aforementioned deficiencies of Sharma regarding the independent claims. Thus, the cited references, combined, do not teach or suggest all the limitations of these dependent claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

V. Rejection of Claims 8, 9, 26, and 27 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 8, 9, 26, and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Sharma, in view of Brown *et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0199636) (“Brown”). Each of claims 8, 9, 26, and 27 depends from one of independent claims 1 and 19 and thus incorporates the respective limitations thereof. The Examiner does not indicate and the Applicants do not discern any part of Beringer that cures the aforementioned deficiencies of Sharma regarding the independent claims. Thus, the cited references, combined, do not teach or suggest all the limitations of these dependent claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record, and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be useful in moving the case forward, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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